

Remarks

This communication is considered fully responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed December 10, 2004.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant submits a supplemental information disclosure statement herewith and respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the claims in view of the cited references.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner indicating that claims 13-25 are allowable and that the subject matter of claims 6, 11, and 12 is allowable.

Applicant canceled claims 1-12 without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. It is noted that these claims are not cancelled for reasons related to patentability, and that Applicant makes no admission by canceling these claims that the examiner's rejections of claims 1-5 and 7-10 are supported by the cited references. Applicant reserves the right to present these claims again in one or more continuation and/or continuation-in-part applications.

No claims are amended. Claims 13-25 remain in original form as of the filing date.

New claims 26-47 are presented for the examiner's consideration. New claims 26-47 are believed to be allowable based on the subject matter indicated as being allowable by the examiner in his non-final Office Action mailed December 10, 2004.

Reexamination and reconsideration of original claims 13-25 and new claims 26-47 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this matter. If there are any further issues that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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